

NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

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Public Health Department,
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Southover,
LEWES, Sussex.

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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1962.

Passenger traffic between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 30th March to 31st October, 1962. During 1962 the total number of inward passengers (Alien, Commonwealth Immigrant and British) which arrived at the Port was 153,712 as compared with 172,866 in 1961, whilst outward passengers numbered 156,872 as against 170,156 in 1961. The lower figures for 1962 were largely due to the smallpox outbreaks in the early part of the year in this country which caused a falling off in the amount of cross-channel traffic.

The annual numbers of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1962 are given in the following table:-

<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Inward Aliens</u>
1945	17,911	1954	54,652
1946	26,376	1955	58,410
1947	31,551	1956	49,934
1948	41,412	1957	43,330
1949	48,127	1958	41,030
1950	49,521	1959	39,146
1951	51,918	1960	40,440
1952	52,104	1961	44,610
1953	51,084	1962	46,558

Of the 46,607 aliens who arrived at the Port in 1962, forty-nine were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 46,217 were inspected by a Medical Inspector and 390 were subjected to detailed medical examinations. One was found to be undesirable for medical reasons.

Of the 4,004 Commonwealth Immigrants who arrived at the Port from 1st July, when the provisions of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, came into force, to 31st December, 1962, one was refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, and all were inspected by a Medical Inspector. None were subjected to detailed medical examinations. One was refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer.

The scheme whereby four medical inspectors are employed on rota in inspecting aliens was continued in 1962.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1962 was 570,614 as compared with 574,246 tons in 1961. In 1962 the numbers of ships entering the Port were 1048 from foreign ports and 396 coastwise. In addition, 5,396 yachts, having a total tonnage of 21,058 entered the port.

Imports in 1962 amounted to 269,635 tons and were comprised chiefly of coal, building and roadmaking material, coke and patent fuel, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs, timber, iron and steel.

Exports in 1962 amounted to 64,590 tons and were comprised chiefly of iron, steel, vehicles and vehicle parts, machinery and building and road materials. The increase in exports from 40,929 tons last year was due almost entirely to the restarting of the export trade in scrap metals.

There was only one case of notifiable or other infectious disease on ships in 1962. This was a case of chickenpox in a scout returning from a Scout Jamboree in North Africa. Under the circumstances the opinion of the local smallpox consultant was obtained before the ship was cleared.

I have to thank Drs. Alexander, Kirker and Barton for their help in the medical inspection of aliens and Mr. Harrison, the Port Health Inspector, for his very ready assistance.

Lastly I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. L. COTTON,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer and
Medical Inspector of Aliens

SECTION I

STAFF

TABLE A

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
Dr.J.L.Cotton	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens	1.11.1960	M.B., Ch.B. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	M.O.H. E.Sussex United Districts
Dr.G.Kirker	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	5.4.1957	M.B., Ch.B. B.A.O.Dub.	-
Dr.R.Alexander	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	27.1.1957	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H.	-
Dr. C.S.Barton	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens	25.8.1959	M.A., B.Sc. L.M.S.S.A. D.R.C.O.G.	-
Mr.W.P.Harrison	Port Health Inspector and Food Inspector	5.3.1945	Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Cert.R.S.I. Meat & Foods M.R.S.H., B.O.T.Cert. Master Mariner.	Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
Mrs.R.K.Osborne	Part time Clerk in Port Health Dept.,	1.10.1954	-	-
Mrs.A.E.Brown	Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens	9.7.1960	-	-
Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health.			The Grange, Southover, LEWES, Sussex. Lewes 4282	

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from:-	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	1,048	448,936	1	74	1
Coastwise	396	121,678	-	139	Nil
Total	1,444	570,614	-	213	1

Additional Yachts 5,396 21,058

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Number of Passengers INWARD	153,712
Number of Passengers OUTWARD	156,872

Principal IMPORTS

	<u>Tons</u>
Coal, coke and patent fuel	113,120
Building and roadmaking material	104,697
Fish	156
Fruit and vegetables	5,890
Other food and provisions	1,481
Iron and steel	2,379
Timber	13,728
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	2,647
Raw wool	706
* Other commodities	24,831
TOTAL	<u>269,635</u>

* Includes Motor vehicles	
over one ton	2,536
under one ton	2,552
motor cycles and caravans	450
	<u>5,538</u>

SECTION III (Continued)

Principal EXPORTS

	<u>Tons</u>
Iron and steel	21,857
Building and roædmaking material	5,723
Machinery	3,057
* Vehicle and vehicle parts	11,452
Woollen goods	288
Other textiles	241
Chemicals and chemical fertilisers	673
Other commodities	21,299
TOTAL	<u>64,590</u>
* Includes	
Over one ton	3,339
under one ton	5,046
Motor cycles	420
	<u>8,805</u>

Principal ports from which ships arrive

The main trade of the Port is with Dieppe and near Continental Ports but there are also arrivals from German, Baltic and Scandinavian ports with general cargo and timber.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

The Port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

1. No change.

2. Fifty samples from the British Railways well at Denton before chlorination and fifty samples from the main piped supply to the East Side of the Harbour after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory by British Transport Commission. All the samples were bacteriologically satisfactory after chlorination.

3. No change.

4. No change.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

No change.

SECTION VII

Smallpox

No change.

SECTION VIII

Venereal Diseases

No change.

SECTION IX

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Chickenpox	1	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ships of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever excluded in Table D (b) any suspected case of such disease.

(a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever occurred on ships arriving during the year.

(b) There was a possible case of smallpox. This occurred in a scout returning from a Scout Jamboree in North Africa. Landing permission for the passengers and crew was refused until the local smallpox consultant was satisfied that this was a case of chickenpox.

SECTION X

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

SECTION XI

MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of plague.

SECTION XII

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Port Health Inspector or the Rodent Operator examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of the Cross-Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign going ships.

2. Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1962.

3. Arrangements in the district for Deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

The Port is a designated approved port for this purpose.

Trapping, poisoning and gassing are available. The Contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited and Ratsouris Limited.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Ships using the port are mainly Cross-Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate same.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION
CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

H.C.N.	Other fumigant (State method)	After Trapping	After Poisoning	TOTAL	Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued	Total Certs. issued
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	5	5

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

INSPECTION & NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections.	<u>Notices Served</u>		Result of serving notice.
	Statutory	Others	
Foreign going 74	Nil	2	1 complied
Coastwise 139	Nil	3	3 complied
TOTAL 213	Nil	5	4 complied

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

No Change.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

1. List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

- (a) Dr. J. L. Cotton, Chief Medical Inspector of Aliens.
- (b) Dr. G. Kirker, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens.
- (c) Dr. R. Alexander, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens.
- (d) Dr. C. S. Barton, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens.

2. List of other staff engaged on this work.

Mrs. A. E. Brown - Nurse/Attendant

3. Organisation of work.

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953, and Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, are met.

4 (a) Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic.

	TOTAL	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector.	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient.	Undesirable for medical reasons.	Physically incapacitated.	Suffering from acute infectious disease.	Transmigrants.
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port.	46,558	43,168	390	-	1	-	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer.	49	49	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port.	46,607	46,217	390	-	1	-	-	-

4 (b) Nature and Amount of Commonwealth Immigrants Traffic.

	Transmigrants.	Suffering from acute infectious disease.	Physically incapacitated.	Undesirable for medical reasons.	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient.	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector.	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector.	TOTAL
(a) Total number of Commonwealth Immigrants landing at the Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,003	4,003
(b) Commonwealth Immigrants refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Commonwealth Immigrants arriving at the Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,004	4,004

Total number of vessels carrying alien and Commonwealth Immigrant passengers 411
Total number of such vessels dealt with by the Medical Inspectors 411

5. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination

The accommodation for the medical inspection and examination of aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants is satisfactory, but is not likely to be adequate if any considerable increase in the number of examinations occurs in future years.

SECTION XVI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE
DIED ON BOARD SHIP

No change.

